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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of February 4, 2005, Applicant responds as follows:

The Office Action concerns a restriction requirement identifying two inventions,

I: Claims 1-21 and II. Claims 22-27. Claims 1-21 cover the complete socket storage device,
including the rail. Claims 22-27 comprise a subcombination, the storage device, not including
the rail.

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirements because Invention II is a subcombination of Invention I.

In the event the Examiner maintains the restriction requirement, Applicant elects Claims 1-21, without prejudice.

Respectfully submitted,



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